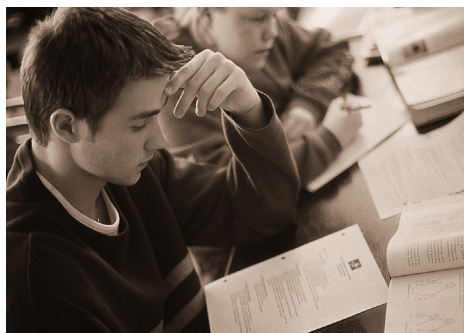


# Communication Matters

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## Gallaudet Young Scholar Program



This summer, Gallaudet University is offering a wonderful opportunity for talented and gifted deaf and hard of hearing high school students (grades 9 – 12). The Young Scholars' Program (YSP), is a program that blends excitement, education, and enjoyment into a two-week session of experiential learning at Gallaudet University in Washington DC.

### The Young Scholars' Program

The YSP challenges students intellectually in a relaxed and welcoming environment. YSP introduces them to a university setting that offers accessible communication and supports students in making decisions about their choices of a university, academic major, and career opportunities.

#### Programs include:

- Camp Media July 9 – July 21, 2006
- Crimes and Clues! July 16 – July 28, 2006
- Camp Gallaudet July 16 – July 28, 2006 (for non-signing youth)
- LEADAmerica: Leadership University July 11 – July 16, 2006

More about these programs can be found by visiting the Gallaudet summer program website at: <http://summer.gallaudet.edu>, and clicking on the Young Scholars' Program. If you have any questions, please contact Gallaudet at [summer@gallaudet.edu](mailto:summer@gallaudet.edu) or toll-free at 800-383-9931 (V/TTY).

## Got Questions?

Do you have a question about :

- Accommodations
- Resources
- Hearing Aids
- Assistive Listening Devices
- Specific jobs for a person with hearing loss

## Need Training?

Need a skilled presenter to conduct a workshop on hearing loss for:

- your staff,
- partners, or
- an employer?

## Planning a New Venture?

Need to kick around ideas with someone knowledgeable about people with hearing loss and vocational rehabilitation?

Michigan Rehabilitation Services has contracted with Julie Eckhardt to provide consultant services to MRS counselors, blended staff, management, community partners, and consumers of MRS who have a hearing loss.

Contact Julie at any time:  
231/922-2943 or  
[jewel@chartermi.net](mailto:jewel@chartermi.net)

## Little Known Fact

Listening to loud music while working out, when blood is feeding working muscles rather than your ears, makes you more vulnerable to hearing loss. Research has shown that loud music or noise is more damaging to ears during exercise than the same sound levels while sedentary. Continue exercising, but turn the music down!



Information or news related to Deaf or Hard of Hearing services may be forwarded to Julie Eckhardt at [jewel@chartermi.net](mailto:jewel@chartermi.net). Views expressed in this bulletin are not necessarily the views of Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth-Rehabilitation Services. Communication Matters is available on the web at [www.michigan.gov/mrs](http://www.michigan.gov/mrs) and on the E-Learn Deaf & Hard of Hearing Resource Center.

# Training Opportunities: Near & Far, Short and In-Depth

## *Here Hear 2006 Conference and Expo*

*April 28, 29, 2006  
Crowne Plaza Hotel  
Grand Rapids, MI*

Once again, MI-SHHH will host top notch presenters and technology exhibits! You will gain a wealth of knowledge whether you are a person with a hearing loss, a family member or a professional. The exhibit hall includes many vendors who will demonstrate the latest hearing assistive technology.

For more information see: [www.mi-shhh.org](http://www.mi-shhh.org)

## Certificate Training in Deaf-Blindness

Northern Illinois University  
March 20 – April 7, 2006  
15 Graduate Credit Hours

Intensive three-week on-campus training (9 credit hours) in the following areas:

- Audiological Aspects
- Ophthalmology, Disease & Treatment of the Eye
- Psychosocial Aspects
- Deaf Culture and persons who are deaf-blind
- Employment/Job Placement
- Independent Living
- Orientation and Mobility
- Utilizing Technology
- Assessment
- Transition
- Mental Health
- Service Provision, Coordination & Role of the Consultant

Distance Learning Component (6 credit hours):

- 200 contact hours working with deafblind individuals (3 credit hours)
- Project designed to improve/enhance skills working with deaf-blind individuals and improve services provision (3 credit hours).

This training is fully funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration.

The training is at no cost to accepted trainees.  
Includes tuition and fees, travel, lodging, and per diem.

Requires a commitment of 3 weeks on campus.

For more information, contact:

Jennifer Gregory, Project Assistant

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815-753-9123 (fax)

E-mail: [jgregory@niu.edu](mailto:jgregory@niu.edu)

Deadline for applications January 13, 2006

## 2006 NATIONAL TRAINING CONFERENCE FOR STATE COORDINATORS FOR THE DEAF, DEAF-BLIND, HARD OF HEARING AND LATE DEAFENED

MAY 22-24 AT THE WOODCLIFF LODGE, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK.

Rehabilitation Services Administration and the University of Arkansas Regional Continuing Education Program are hosting this conference. Participants will have the opportunity to tour the National Technical Institute for the Deaf. **RSA will cover the costs of lodging for 3 nights at the Woodcliff Lodge for one staff individual from each state VR agency.** E-mail for more info: [jewel@chartermi.net](mailto:jewel@chartermi.net)

# **"PET-D" Program @ San Diego State University**

The **"Post-Employment Training Administration of Programs Serving Consumers who are Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing"** (PET-D) program provides leadership and administrative training to those who serve consumers who are Deaf and hard-of-hearing. PET-D training is provided through a two-step, 21-unit post-baccalaureate certificate in Rehabilitation Administration.

## **CURRICULUM**

The first step of training consists of completing 9 units during a four-week, on-campus training session during summer, 2006 at SDSU. This four-week session will begin on June 12 and end on July 7. The curriculum includes:

- Organization Development
- Policy Development/Implementation
- Program Evaluation
- State/Federal/Legislative Issues
- Grant Proposal Development
- Personnel & Fiscal Management
- Leadership Development
- Consumer/Provider Collaboration
- Consumer-Based Organizations and Strategies
- Political/Ethical Issues
- Collaboration Between Agencies and Partners

The second step commences upon completion of the 9-unit summer program. The trainees return to their home agencies to complete an additional 12 units consisting of an advanced seminar (3 units), special study (3 units) and internship (six units). The projects completed through these three courses are pre-approved under an agreement between the PET-D trainees, their home agency supervisors, and the SDSU faculty. These projects are specifically designed to improve or expand services delivered in the trainees' agencies and programs.

## **FELLOWSHIPS**

Eight fellowships per year are made available through a training grant from the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA). These fellowships pay for graduate tuition and fees for the 21-unit certificate as well as lodging and round trip transportation between the trainee's home agency and SDSU. In addition, each trainee receives a per diem allowance for meals and incidental expenses while attending the four-week summer program.

## **APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS**

Applicants who receive the highest priority are those individuals who have earned a masters degree in Rehabilitation with an emphasis in Deafness or a graduate degree in a closely

related field. Additionally, applicants who have several years of career experience subsequent to earning the masters degree have top priority. We focus recruitment on individuals who have five or more years of program administration or coordination experience. In addition to these factors, we recruit individuals who are currently employed in programs and agencies that are actively providing rehabilitation services to individuals who are Deaf and hard of hearing.

We frequently receive inquiries from individuals who do not meet the specific requirements described above. For example, individuals with an excess of 15 years of career experience in Deafness rehabilitation but no graduate education frequently express interest. We also receive inquiries from individuals not employed in the Federal/State rehabilitation system, but are employed in areas where rehabilitation services are provided, such as post-secondary programs and community-based agencies. We are definitely interested in further exploring the qualifications of such individuals and giving strong consideration to their admission to the PET-D program. Factors that always influence our admissions decision relate to the applicant's personal awareness and experience with rehabilitation and disability as well as their leadership attributes.

## **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION**

There is no specific deadline for application submission. However, we are limited to providing RSA fellowship support to 8 applicants each year. Early application is therefore suggested. If you are interested in attending, or would like more details about our program, please submit a statement of interest and current resume to:

Dr. Ron Jacobs, Professor  
Director, Deafness Rehabilitation Programs  
Department of Administration, Rehabilitation & Post-Secondary Education (ARPE)  
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San Diego, CA 92108-5313

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